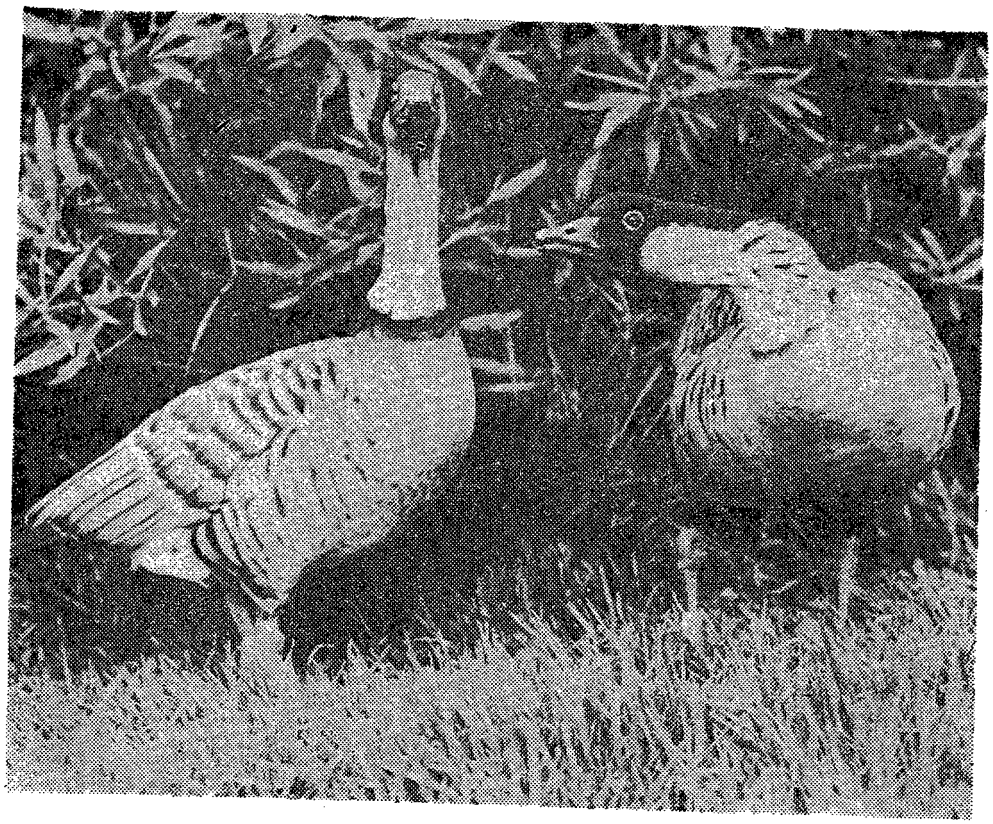

RARE BIRDS — These are really Nene Geese, shown at a sanctuary in Hawaii.

Oops Department: Goose Was Pheasant

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You just can't trust the birds at the Zoo.

An Argus pheasant posed majestically for the photographer the other day knowing full well he wasn't his roommate, a rare nene goose, who had been moved temporarily into another cage.

The Washington Post ran his picture along with a story about the goose, which hangs out only on two Hawaiian Islands, in Monday's paper.

A lot of people who know a nene goose from a pheasant were quick to let The Post know it had publicized an interloper.

So here is a picture of a real nene goose, just like the one that is somewhere in the Zoo. Oh yes, you pronounce that "naynay" and not neeney," The Post learned.